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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 122, effective on May 25, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant fixed on or efter June 8, 1995

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is directive on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filled prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filling a continued presecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/3B/25) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent form adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Exemination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 60092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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